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MARRIAGE

On the 16th March, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, Sergeant William John Kerr, Hongkong Police, to Lillian Maude, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Eye, Suffolk. (Suffolk paper please copy).

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HONGKONG, 17TH MARCH, 1904

In the "Papers relating to Tibet," published last month by the British Foreign Office, we get a very full and complete explanation of the much-discussed act of the British Government in despatching a mission to Tibet. The paper goes back to October, 1889, and close with a despatch to the Secretary of State for India to the Viceroy dated January 30th of this year. Among the most interesting portions of the correspondence are the despatches which disclose the Anglo-Russian relations with regard to Tibet. In October, 1900, the paper received in audience a high Tibetan personage described as "first Tsanil Hambo to the Dalai-Lama of Tibet," and in the following year this personage figures again at the head of a Tibetan Mission to the Tsar. According to the S. Petersburg Press, the Mission had for its object a political rapprochement with Russia "as the only Power able to counteract the intrigues of Great Britain." The British Minister at S. Petersburg was instructed to inform Count Lamboff that "His Majesty's Government could not regard with indifference any proceedings that might have a tendency to alter or disturb the existing status of Tibet"; and in reply to this communication the Russian Foreign Minister expressed his assent "and repeated his former statement that the mission was chiefly concerned with matters of religion, and had no political or diplomatic object or character." This was in September, 1901. Nearly a year later the Chinese

papers were publishing what purported to be the text of an agreement alleged to have been secretly made between Russia and China, whereby, in return for a promise to uphold the integrity of China (!), the entire interest of China in Tibet would be relinquished to Russia. Sir Ernest Satow wired a translation of this alleged agreement to the Marquis of Lansdowne, at the same time mentioning that he had no reason to believe that any such document had been signed; but Sir Ernest Satow was instructed to warn the Chinese Government against the conclusion of any arrangement of this kind and to intimate to them at the same time that His Majesty's Government would, in the event of such a treaty being signed, be certainly forced to take steps for protecting the interests of Great Britain. Prince CHING and the Ministers of the Foreign Board, when this communication was made to them, strongly denied that there was any such agreement, or that any such arrangement had formed the subject of discussion between the Chinese and Russian Governments. The Government of India, however, were evidently not convinced by the Russian Government's assurance that these Tibetan missions to Russia had no political or diplomatic object, and they reminded the Marquis of Lansdowne that the Russian border nowhere even touches that of Tibet, and that the nearest point of Russian territory is considerably more than a thousand miles short of the Tibetan capital, which is situated in the extreme south, and in close proximity to the northern frontier of the Indian Empire, and the Government of India expressed itself as being of opinion "that the only way in which to counteract the danger by which we regard British interests as directly threatened in Tibet is to assume the initiative ourselves." This was to be done by accepting China's proposals for a conference, but on condition that the conference should take place, not on the Indian Frontier, but at Lhasa, and that a representative of the Tibetan Government should participate in the proceedings. The mission was, of course, to have an armed escort. In this way alone did it appear to the Government of India that we of having an agreement which had been formally concluded with the Chinese subsequently repudiated by the Tibetans; and in no other way did they regard Tibet as forming a part of the Chinese Empire, in the "His Excellency went on to say that he hoped that there was no question of any action on our part in regard to Tibet which might have the effect of raising questions of this kind. I told his Excellency that we had no idea of annexing the country, but he was well aware that it immediately adjourned our frontier, that we had treaties with the Tibetans, and a right to trade facilities. If this were denied to us, and if the Tibetans did not fulfil their treaty obligations, it would be absolutely necessary that we should insist upon our rights. His Excellency signified "usent."

When, however, the Mission at last advanced, the Russian Ambassador called upon Lord Lansdowne, to whom he spoke "in earnest terms" on the subject. Lord Lansdowne reminded the Russian Minister that we had received the greatest provocation at the hands of the Tibetans, who had not only failed to fulfil their treaty obligations, but had virtually refused to negotiate. They had even gone the length of returning the letter which the British Government had addressed to the authorities at Lhasa, and more lately they had seized, and it was believed put to death two British subjects, and had also carried off the transport animals provided for the use of the Commission. Our forbearance in the past, Lord Lansdowne said, had led the Tibetans to believe that we could be ill-treated with impunity. The report of the conversation as given by Lord Lansdowne goes on to say that he told the Russian Ambassador he "was firmly convinced that the Russian Government would not have shown as much patience as we had, and that they would have been at Lhasa by this time. I felt bound to add that it seemed to me beyond measure strange that these protests should be made by the Government of a Power which had, all over the world, never hesitated to encroach upon its neighbours when the circumstances seemed to require it. If the Russian Government had a right to complain of us for taking steps in order to obtain reparation from the Tibetans by advancing into Tibetan territory, what kind of language should we not be entitled to use in regard to Russian encroachments in Manchuria, Turkestan, and Persia?"

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obtain from the Tibetan authorities the fulfilment of pledges which had been given to us in 1890 in regard to the location of the frontier and in regard to trade facilities on the borders of Sikkim. We have found that it was of no use to deal with Tibet through China, owing to the dilatory methods of the Chinese Government, and the slowness of their influence over Tibet. It was absolutely necessary that these local questions should be disposed of to our satisfaction, and we should continue to take the necessary steps for this purpose."

While discussions between the two Governments were in progress the dispatch of a Mission to Lhasa was considered by the British Government to be undesirable, and the Government of India was so informed. Meanwhile in February, 1903, the Marquis of Lansdowne mentions in a despatch to Sir C. Scott that he had felt it his duty to tell the Russian Ambassador that His Majesty's Government had received from apparently trustworthy sources reports to the effect that Russia had lately concluded agreements for the establishment of a Russian Protectorate over Tibet, and also, that if she had not already done so, she intended to establish Russian agents or Consular officers at Lhasa. The Marquis said he thought it of the utmost importance that as His Excellency had disclaimed on the part of Russia all political designs upon Tibet, he (Lord Lansdowne) ought to be in a position to state whether these rumours were, or were not, without foundation. It took some weeks to get a reply to this question from the Russian Government, but when it came it was an absolute denial of the reports. We quote from Lord Lansdowne's despatch to Sir C. Scott on the subject:—Count Benckendorff went on to say that although the Russian Government had no designs whatever upon Tibet, they could not remain indifferent to any serious disturbance of the *status quo* in that country. Such a disturbance might render it necessary for them to safeguard their interests in Asia; not that, even in this case, they would desire to interfere in the affairs of Tibet, as their policy "ne viserait le Tibet en aucun cas, but they might be obliged to take measures elsewhere. They regarded Tibet as forming a part of the Chinese Empire, in the "His Excellency went on to say that he hoped that there was no question of any action on our part in regard to Tibet which might have the effect of raising questions of this kind. I told his Excellency that we had no idea of annexing the country, but he was well aware that it immediately adjourned our frontier, that we had treaties with the Tibetans, and a right to trade facilities. If this were denied to us, and if the Tibetans did not fulfil their treaty obligations, it would be absolutely necessary that we should insist upon our rights. His Excellency signified "usent."

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ber last the Viceroy of India cabled to the Government a report by Colonel Young-Husband that "information that the Tibetans are relying on Russian support and that Russian arms have entered Tibet, has now been received from several independent sources."

May 2nd, at 10 a.m., is the date fixed for the formal inauguration of the S. Louis Exposition.

Sixty-three candidates have paid fees for the Oxford Local Examinations, to be held in July next. Entries closed at noon yesterday.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company's steamer Scotia has been wrecked off the island of Guam.

H.E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., in compliance with the Shanghai Municipal Council's request, has notified his intention to detach a field officer to inspect and report on the Volunteer Corps there.

Mr. Ferguson, Secretary to the Philippine Government, is taking a committee of fifty Filipinos to the S. Louis Exposition. Berths have been engaged on the Siberia, which sails from Hongkong on April 30th.

The financial report of the Bank of Taiwan to the 31st December last shows a net profit of 13,714 yen. The total assets amounted to 18,073,360 yen. The Bank has an authorised capital of 5,000,000 yen, only half of which is paid up, and the reserve fund amounts to 299,500 yen.

A French subject named Henri Fouque and a Japanese have been committed for trial at Yokohama on a charge of fraudulently obtaining 2,785 yen from the Yokohama Specie Bank and Chinese exchange, as well as an attempt to defraud the Russo-Chinese Bank of 13,500 yen by means of forged cheques.

Inspector J. H. Gidley, of the Hongkong Police, and Mrs. Gidley sailed yesterday on the 10th inst., to officially denude the damage to the destroyers will be repaired in a week, and it is not necessary to dock them.

The rumours of the evacuation of Port Arthur have been proved to be baseless.

The attack on Port Arthur on the 10th instant finished with a bombardment of Port Arthur by the battleships, which fired 120 shells from their 12in. guns, over the promontory, at an unseeable target, the cruisers at sea directing the aim by signals. The Japanese had previously destroyed the signal-station, mines, and depot on the island of Samahabut in Taiwan Bay.

LONDON, 14th March.

The wreck of a destroyer sunk in Pigeon Bay on the 25th February is ascertained to be the *Unshishio* (Russian).

A *Press* steamer from Chefoo on Saturday, approached within close view of the first two forts (Port Arthur), the upper one of which had apparently suffered terribly. A vast cloud of smoke was ascending from the New City in three columns, and no troops, flags, or other signs of life were visible.

The reported sinking of a Japanese destroyer, and damage to the cruiser *Takao* on the 10th inst., are officially denied. The damage to the destroyers will be repaired in a week, and it is not necessary to dock them.

The *Reitetsu* was torpedoed in her starboard bow and is aground for one quarter of her length. She can fire, but not move.

The *Reitetsu* was also torpedoed in her starboard bow and had to be beached. She would be docked, but repairs cannot be executed at Port Arthur. A few guns are available for operation.

The *Petropavloski* was struck by one shell below her water-line in the bows, and sustained no particular damage in her upper works.

The *Pallada*, which was torpedoed on the 8th inst., sustained considerable damage, but is now afloat. She cannot be repaired.

The *Ashok* lost one of her funnels and had a 6-in. gun smashed.

The *Norik* had a hole made below her water-line and went into dry dock at Port Arthur.

The *Diana* was struck by one or more shots but no serious damage was done.

The *Bayan* was entirely destroyed, lying on the rocks.

ADMIRAL NOEL.

According to a London telegram, Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, K.C.B., the new Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, who arrived in Hongkong a few days ago, was passenger on board the P. & O. steamer *Mongolia* when chased by the Russian squadron in the Red Sea.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IN JAPAN.

In the action taken by the authorities against the *Osaka Mainichi* for violation of the regulations against the publishing of arm and navy movements, &c., the publisher has been fined 20 yen in the Osaka Chiba Suburb.

TO-DAY'S ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

To-day, being the 17th of March, is the occasion of an annual eclipse of the sun. It will be visible at Hongkong as a partial eclipse, commencing at 12 hours 47.2 minutes p.m. The greatest phase of the eclipse will be at 2 hours 57.7 minutes p.m., while the eclipse finishes at 4 hours 8.1 minutes p.m. The line of the centre of the eclipse commences two or three hundred miles east of Africa in Lat. 10 degrees South. From that point it comes east across the Pacific, north of Madagascar and Sumatra, then across the north of the Malay Peninsula, Gulf of Siam, South Siam, Cochinchina, North Luzon, and it ends due south of Kamchatka, in Latitude 25 degrees North. The magnitude of the sun's eclipse at Hongkong will be .827.

The next eclipse will be on September the 8th, but this one will not be visible at Hongkong. It will be visible as a partial eclipse from some of the islands in the South Pacific, Peru, Ecuador, and New Granada, and down the Chilean coast shortly before sunset.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 16th March.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PRESIDING JUDGE).

SEQUEL TO THE RACES.

Mr. J. E. Sinclair, of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., sued Mr. D. Macdonald (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) for \$100 damages alleged to have been caused to the plaintiff's bicycle by defendant's pony.

It appeared that Mr. Sinclair was riding on his bicycle on the Happy Valley early one morning before the races were started at Thomas's Hotel, where Sergeant and Mrs. Kerr were staying. The pony was being brought back from training on the racecourse by a mafu. It was alleged to have shied at plaintiff's machine and to have kicked out, hitting the saddle of the bicycle with its hind hoof, throwing Mr. Sinclair off and breaking the machine in two.

Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, & Deacon, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. John Hayes, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, & Master, solicitors, represented the defendant.

After hearing evidence,

His Lordship held that it had not been proved to his satisfaction that the pony that kicked the bicycle was the property of the defendant, and he accordingly gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 16th at 11.42 a.m. The barometer has risen moderately in Japan and fallen at all other stations, particularly at those in the north of China.

Gradientes are moderate in the China coast and over the China Sea. Moderate NE. winds will prevail over the whole of this area.

Forecast—Moderate NE. winds; overcast, occasional light rain.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

GENERAL NEWS.

FIRST TRAIN INTO TSIANFU.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 16, 7.30 p.m.

The first train into Tsinanfu arrived there at 9 p.m. last night. It was gaily decorated, and the Governor's band played selections on its arrival. The illuminations and firework display made up a most striking scene.

THE PHILIPPINES FREE OF CHOLERA.

MANILA, 16th Mar. 5.43 p.m.

The Health Board has abolished the restrictions on produce and foodstuffs owing to the Philippines being now totally free of cholera.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 14th March.

The wreck of a destroyer sunk in Pigeon Bay on the 25th February is ascertained to be the *Unshishio* (Russian).

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE HONGKONG BRANCH.

The report of the Committee of the Hongkong branch of the China Association for presentation at the annual meeting, which will take place at the Chamber of Commerce room this afternoon, is as follows:

The last report was issued on the 30th September, 1902; and the present review is intended to cover the period from that date to the 31st January, 1904. The questions which have occupied the attention of the committee have not been of so momentous a character as those dealt with in some previous years, but some important subjects have been handled, with gratifying results in several cases, while as regards others it is hoped that the seed sown will ultimately bear fruit. The following are the chief questions that have come before the committee:

Internal Taxation of Foreign Imports.—During the period under review, several attempts have been made by the provincial authorities in the Two Kwangs to impose new taxes on imports, and more especially on prepared opium. Thanks, however, to the energetic action of Consul-General Scott, whose representations were heartily seconded by your committee, these efforts failed, and the proposed taxes were withdrawn. For the present the energies of the mandarins in this direction have slackened; but a strict watch will be necessary to check the first attempt to impose new unauthorized taxes.

Opening of Ports of Call on the West River.—Eight ports of call have been opened on the West River—a valuable concession due in no small degree to the urgent representations of this association. The trade in the West River is showing an encouraging development.

The Study of Practical Chinese.—On the representation of the association of the excellent work done by the Department of Practical Chinese in the University of London, the Colonial Government have been induced to make a grant-in-aid of £30 to this object, for which the thanks of the association are due to H.E. Sir Henry Blake.

Violation of British Sovereignty in Hongkong.—In May last, consequent on the revelations made in the Supreme Court, during the trial of a Chinese named Lin Chiu, as accessory in the murder of a Chinese schoolmaster named Young Kue Wan, at his house in Gage Street, by shooting him with a revolver, the committee addressed a letter to the London office, asking them to lay the facts before the Foreign Office. The evidence adduced showed clearly that four men, tempted by the offer of a large monetary reward and official rank made by the Cantonese Government, arranged to assassinate Young Kue Wan, who belonged to the Chinese Reform Party, and accomplished their purpose on the 10th January, 1901, but the prisoner was not arrested until two years later. In the result he was found guilty, sentenced, and executed. The committee, however, urged that reparation for the flagrant violation of the King's Sovereignty committed should be strenuously demanded. The matter was laid before the Foreign Office by the London branch, and a copy of the letter sent by this committee to the Colonial Government for transmission to the Secretary of State; but up to the present no answer has been received from the Foreign Office.

Foreign Post Offices in China.—An inquiry having been addressed to the association in London, from the Board of Trade, as to whether further ports of call were necessary in the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s itinerary for the purpose of facilitating the delivery of the mails in China, the question of the maintenance of Post Offices in Chinese treaty ports by Foreign Powers was raised, and some correspondence has passed thereon. Your committee expressed the opinion that, while they did not wish to recommend the methods adopted by some Powers for thus extending their influence, they deemed it desirable that British officials should be careful not to surrender any sign or symbol of authority now possessed in the treaty ports. It is satisfactory to record that the British Government has taken note of this expression of opinion, and so far from reducing the number of British postal agencies, has recently added a fresh one at Chefoo.

The Opening of Kowloon.—The port of Kowloon was to be formally opened to foreign trade on the 7th March, and Mr. H. H. Fox has been appointed British Consular agent.

The Proposed Opening of Waichow.—It having been reported last autumn that the Chinese had no intention of opening Waichow to foreign trade, as under the conditions of Section 12 of Art. VIII. of the Mackay Treaty this could only be claimed when that Article came into force, a letter was in December last addressed to the London branch urging them, for reasons set out at length, to ask the Foreign Office to press for this concession at the same time that Kowloon was opened. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Foreign Office, and another was transmitted by the Hongkong Government to the Colonial Office, accompanied with a strong recommendation in favour thereof, but up to date no reply has been received from Downing Street.

Railway Construction in Kwangtung.—At the same time the association made a forcible representation on the subject of the delay in proceeding with the construction of the projected Canton-Kowloon Railway, and offered some suggestions as to the route to be traversed, also recommending the construction of a branch from Shoklung to Waichow. A copy of this letter was also despatched by the London office to the British and Chinese Corporation, who hold the concession for laying the Kowloon-Canton line, and it has been considered by the directorate, with what result we have yet to learn. Your committee do not intend to lose

sight of this most important question, which is, they are glad to know, receiving the strong and sympathetic support of the Colonial Government.

The Occupation of Newchwang by the Russians.—The continued occupation of the treaty port of Newchwang by the Russians, and their active interference with its trade by collecting the Customs and port dues, imposing quarantine regulations, and in other ways treating it as conquered territory, has greatly exercised the association during the past year, and several appeals to the Foreign Office to interfere on behalf of the British interests assailed have been made. So far, however, these appeals and all representations from Downing Street to S. Petersburg consequent thereon have been unproductive of result. Now that hostilities have broken out between Russia and Japan, the question appears likely to be settled in the meantime by the retirement of the Russian troops in occupation of the port, but it is to be hoped that in any future negotiations Great Britain and other Treaty Powers will rigidly insist upon Newchwang being restored to its original position as a Chinese treaty port, and left in the undisturbed control of Peking.

Omissions from the U.S. Treaty with China.—A letter having been addressed to the Foreign Office—in which this branch concurred—pointing out certain omissions in the Commercial Treaty between the United States and China with regard to the allocation of the surtax to the Provincial Chinese Governments to compensate for the loss of *taikin* which is arranged for in the British Treaty, and the absence of any agreement about the excise to be levied on machine-made yarn, cloth, or other products of foreign type in China, a reply has been received pointing out that the fact that the United States Government have not stipulated for all the conditions attached to those engagements by Great Britain need not necessarily be taken as indicating that they attribute no importance to the points referred to by the association.

Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme for Tariff Reform.

In January of this year, in response to suggestions, the committee considered the advisability of despatching a telegram expressing approval of and sympathy with the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in his efforts to promote reform in the fiscal policy of the United Kingdom, and obtained the views of the members by circular. The proposal was endorsed by nearly all the members, only two voting against it. The following telegram was accordingly despatched on the 13th January:—

"Large majority members Hongkong Branch China Association warmly support your fiscal aims. Consider reciprocal treaties absolutely necessary, failing which recommend adoption of retaliation." A letter confirming the telegram was mailed on the 14th January, and copies of same were forwarded to the London branch of the association and to the Colonial Secretary, for the information of the Governor of Hongkong. A letter has been received from Mr. Chamberlain's private secretary acknowledging receipt of the telegram.

The Chairmanship.—On the departure, in February, 1904, of Mr. Playfair to England, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who had accepted a seat on the committee, was elected acting chairman, but after holding office for about a month Mr. Pollock resigned, on the ground that the performance of the duties clashed with his professional interests. Mr. R. C. Wilcox thereupon took up the reins and acted as chairman until Mr. Playfair's return; and when soon afterwards that gentleman was obliged to go home for a trip, has been succeeded by Mr. E. S. Wheeler; and the Hon. R. Shawan by Mr. W. Saunders. The Committee now consists of Messrs. R. C. Wilcox (Chairman), D. R. Law, G. W. F. Playfair, W. J. Saunders, H. E. Tomkins, E. S. Wheeler, A. G. Wood, and C. Pemberton (Hon. Secretary).

The Committee.—There have been several changes in the personnel of the Committee during the period under review. Mr. Potts, who has left the Colony, has been replaced by Mr. D. E. Law; the Hon. C. S. Sharp by Mr. A. G. Wood; Mr. Medhurst, who has gone home for a trip, has been succeeded by Mr. E. S. Wheeler; and the Hon. R. Shawan by Mr. W. Saunders. The Committee now consists of Messrs. R. C. Wilcox (Chairman), D. R. Law, G. W. F. Playfair, W. J. Saunders, H. E. Tomkins, E. S. Wheeler, A. G. Wood, and C. Pemberton (Hon. Secretary).

The Accounts.—The Hon. Secretary's accounts, which are annexed, show a credit balance in hand of \$1,173.21.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Chairman.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 16th March.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH
(POLICE MAGISTRATE).

MAGIC AND MADNESS.

Chow Wing Kwee prosecuted Kung Chi Wa for stabbing him in the abdomen, on the 2nd inst. at his house in Market Street. Evidence was adduced to show that complainant was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital at 2.30 a.m. on the 2nd inst., suffering from a stab-wound in his abdomen just over the left side of the liver. He was in a critical condition for several days, but had eventually recovered and was discharged from the hospital as cured on the 14th inst. The wound might have been inflicted with the knife produced in Court.

Complainant, Kung Chi Wa, said that on the 2nd inst., at about 2 a.m., prisoner came to his house saying he wanted to search the place and count the people in it. Complainant opened the door, and was immediately stabbed in the abdomen by the prisoner, whom he did not know and had never seen before. Complainant said

he did nothing to cause the attack. He did not even have time to speak to prisoner before he was stabbed.

Wong San, wife of complainant, called and affirmed, asid she was a fortune-teller. Prisoner's wife came to her to have her fortune told. She said her husband was a very unlucky man, and could not get any work. That was on the 26th ult. She said things would be all right soon. Prisoner came at 12.30 a.m. on the 2nd and said he was a P.C., and he said he was going to put several persons to death by magic. He went away, and returned at 2 a.m., and in the meantime witness reported the matter to the police. When he returned he said he was a *tukun* and had come to search the house to count the people. Her husband did not see him when he came at 12.30 a.m. When her husband had half opened the door for him at 2 a.m., prisoner stabbed him without warning. Her husband was taken to hospital, and was there about 12 days.

Prisoner, who appeared somewhat weak in intellect, was asked in his defense that on the 26th ult. he asked complainant to cure him, as he thought he was a *leper*. She said he was not a *leper*, and then put some red medicine on his face which she said would make him quite well again. Then she practised some magic over him and he went mad, and rushed about the streets hitting himself over the head and body. Confinement in gaol the last two weeks had, however, brought him to his senses. He was not a *tukun*—somebody told him he was! The knife (shown him) was his. He took it to complainant's house to poke him as he was not cured.

His Worship said he had had a very narrow escape from the grave charge of murder, the penalty for which is hanging. He appeared to be of somewhat unsound mind, and probably 6 months in gaol, where he recommended that he be placed under medical observation, and at the end of the term that he be sent out of the colony, as he was evidently a very dangerous character, and an "undesirable" member of the native community prove would, a salutary lesson to him.

IMPORTANT CODE-BOOK
CASE AT SHANGHAI.

In the German Court, Shanghai, on the 4th inst. before Mr. K. Miesner (Vice-Counsel), and Messrs. H. Loehlein and Th. Meyer (Assessors), a case came on between Messrs. Ellinger and Co., plaintiffs (represented by Mr. Platt, for Stokes and Platt), and Messrs. Wm. Meyerink and Co., defendants (represented by Dr. Vorwerk).

The petition of the plaintiffs was as follows:—

1.—The plaintiffs are a firm of British merchants carrying on business at Manchester and elsewhere, and the defendants are a firm of German merchants carrying on business at Shanghai and elsewhere.

2.—Part of the plaintiffs' business consists in exporting piece-goods from England in fulfilment of orders received by them from merchants in foreign countries, and in order to facilitate the settlement of the terms of such orders and the carrying out as quickly as possible, and following the practice of merchants engaged in such export business, the plaintiffs, at a considerable cost, caused a private telegraphic code to be compiled, a copy of which the plaintiffs entrusted to those merchants in foreign countries from whom they are in the habit of receiving orders, upon the distinct understanding that such copy code was the property of the plaintiffs and that the merchant to whom the copy code was so entrusted should preserve the private nature of such code and should not divulge it to other any material part or parts thereof or lend or allow the same out of his possession; it was stated on the cover of each copy code so entrusted that it was the property of the plaintiff and had to be returned to the plaintiff.

3.—The plaintiffs obtained their said private telegraphic code in the way in which Manchester merchants usually obtain such codes, that is to say, in the following manner:

There are certain firms whose business consists in compiling telegraphic codes, and the plaintiffs instructed one of such firms to compile a code for them; such code was therupon compiled and the plaintiffs paid a large sum of money for it; after plaintiffs had so obtained their code they employed and paid a man to complete it, and this man was engaged for a period of nearly one year on such work. When the code was completely finished the plaintiff caused to be printed 80 to 100 copies of it, each copy containing 2 volumes, and this also cost the plaintiff a large sum of money.

The plaintiffs entrusted such copy codes to those merchants in foreign countries with whom they did business on the terms set out in the preceding clause.

4.—The plaintiffs occasionally received orders from the defendants, and consequently on or about the 16th February, 1903, the plaintiffs, following the usual practice, entrusted the defendants with their said private telegraphic codes upon the terms above expressed.

5.—About the beginning of the month of November 1903 Mr. James Ellinger, one of the partners in the plaintiffs' firm, came to Shanghai for the purpose of looking up the firm's constituents there, such constituents being Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co., and the defendants. At that time there was also in Shanghai a certain Mr. E. Dux, a member of the firm of Messrs. Simon Dux & Co., merchants of Manchester, who had come to Shanghai in order to work up a connection in China for his firm. It is clear therefore that Mr. Dux was a competitor in business. They also say that Mr. E. Dux had a good code for many years with which they could do business. Even in that case, Mr. Dux was compiling a new code for use in China. That has been admitted in the following way. When plaintiffs discovered or were informed that Mr. E. Dux was compiling a code with the help of theirs, they demanded it back. Mr. Dux entrusted his interests to a firm of lawyers here, Messrs. Drummond and White-Cooper, who wrote that he was making a new code, but not making use of the plaintiffs' private code. Therefore, we have this situation. The plaintiffs' private code has been lent to a competitor who is preparing a new code. What did Mr. E. Dux want with that code? Either he wanted it to help him in preparing a new code, or secondly, if he did not want it for that purpose, he wanted to gain some information as to how plaintiffs' business was carried on. It cannot be doubted that Mr. E. Dux wanted plaintiffs' code. Therefore, you see, gentlemen, that this code having been lent, that the privacy of that code was at once ruined. It was lent on the understanding that its privacy would be respected. Mr. Dux had this code in his possession for some time, and there is no question that he must have got some knowledge of its contents. That knowledge, you can well imagine, in the hands of a dishonest man, might be turned to some disadvantage of the plaintiffs. I don't suggest that Mr. E. Dux is dishonest, but I do say that having acquired this information of the contents of the code, that the privacy of that code has absolutely been ruined.

If the plaintiffs want a private code, they must get a new one, and the cost of that new one should not fall upon them, but upon the defendants, who have been the cause of all this trouble. Mr. Ellinger being an interested party, cannot give evidence, but he is prepared to make a statement as to how he obtained the information that Mr. Dux had the code. After the lapse of two hours (from his demand to defendants), the code was returned to him in his room at the hotel, with apologies for its having been so lent. He can state, if you wish, that he at once wrote to his firm in Manchester telling them that the privacy of the code was ruined and that a new one must be made. He has heard from his firm that the new code is being made, and that the cost of it will be something like £483. It is a very short case.

The questions for you to decide are: Was the code entrusted to the defendants? Was its privacy ruined by its being lent? If the privacy was ruined, has the plaintiff suffered damage? Is it necessary for him to have a new one compiled? If you conclude that a new one should be compiled, I contend that the cost of it should fall upon the defendants.

Mr. Meyer—Has the new code been made?

Mr. Platt—Yes. We have a telegram to that effect.

Mr. Vorwerk, for the defendants, replied at 1.15 p.m. in German. Following is a translation of the replies to the petition.

Defendants' answer to the petition of the above-mentioned plaintiffs is as follows:

Paragraph 1 is admitted.

With regard to paragraphs 2 and 3, arrangements arrived at between plaintiffs and third parties are unknown to defendants and have consequently no bearing upon this case.

With regard to paragraph 4, prior to

the 16th February 1903, one transaction took

place between the plaintiffs and the defendants,

but since then no other transaction had taken

place.

Dated the twenty-third day of February,

1904.

STOKES & PLATT.

Counsel for the Plaintiffs.

In consequence of the defendants having so

acted Mr. James Ellinger was obliged to write

to his firm in Manchester informing them of the

circumstances and requesting that an old code

which had become "out of date" should be sent

out, which old code would have to be used until

a new one could be made. The plaintiffs will be

put to a great deal of expense and trouble in

procuring a new code, and in the meanwhile

their business will be prejudiced by reason of

their having to make use of an old code which

is not up to date.

The plaintiffs therefore pray that the de-

fendants may be ordered to pay to them the sum

of £1,000 as damages for the injury done by

them to the private telegraphic code the property

of the plaintiffs, and that the defendants may be

ordered to pay the costs of this suit.

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H. F. CHARD, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 17th March, 1904. [766]

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By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th March, 1904.

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A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the Magistratey, at 2.15 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of MARCH, 1904, for the purpose of considering the following application:

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T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Police Magistrate. Magistracy, Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [729]

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HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [716]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Devonians wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

HOWBURY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [706]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board. J. WHELEY, General Manager. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [651]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1903, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 19th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board. C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [698]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [1033]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th day of MARCH, 190

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),
TO-DAY (THURSDAY),
the 17th MARCH, 1904, at 11 A.M., at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road
(Corner of Ice House Street).A QUANTITY OF
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES,
Comprising:-SILVER and GOLD JEWELLERY,
FELTHATS, AMERICAN TRAVELLING
TRUNKS and BAGS, MUSICAL INSTRU-
MENTS, &c., &c.; Also4 No. 12 BORE FOWLING PIECES
English and American made.TERMS:-As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. 744

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),the 18th MARCH, 1904, commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,A COLLECTION OF
JAPANESE CURIOS,
Comprising:-SATSUMA VASES and JARS, IMARI
PLATES, CLOISONNE (Silver and other-
wise), OLD BRONZE VASES, SILK
EMBROIDERED SCREENS, and a Variety
of TEA-SETS, &c., &c.

TERMS:-As usual.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from 17th March, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. 717

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),the 18th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his
SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,A FEW CHOICE SPECIMENS OF
JAPANESE ART SILVERWARE
INLAID WITH IVORY & CLOISONNE,
Comprising:-VASES, BOWLS, POWDER BOXES,
CIGARETTE CASES, MATCH BOXES,
BUCKLES, CHARMS, etc., etc.

Also

A Quantity of SATSUMA, CLOISONNE,
PORCELAIN WARE, etc., etc., etc.

On View from Thursday, the 17th March.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:-Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1904. 738

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1904. 738

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of
the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on Friday, the 21st day of MARCH,
1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His Excellency
the Officer Administering the Government, of
One Lot of Crown Foreshore and Sea Bed at
North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a
term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a
Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His
Majesty the KING, for one further term of
75 years. 745

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Reg. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements			Contents in Square Yards	Annual Rent	Open Price
		N.W.	E.W.	S.E.W.			
Marine		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
Lot No. 1	Point	400	344	622	445	201,132	2,073

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY Order of the Mortgagee, Mr. GEO. P.

will sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

MONDAY,

the 21st day of MARCH, 1904, at 3 o'clock P.M.,
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Inland Lot No. 639 containing in area 7500
square feet and is held for the residue of the
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of June, 1861, created therein by a Crown lease
of the said Inland Lot No. 639 dated the 28th
day of October, 1861, together with the
messuages or tenements and other erections and
buildings thereon known as Nos. 3 and 4, West
End Terrace and which said piece of ground is
held subject to the payment of £28.00
the annual Crown Rent and to the observance
and performance of the covenants and conditions
contained in the said Crown Lease.Monthly rental of No. 5, West End Terrace
£50 including taxes.Monthly rental of No. 4, West End Terrace
£50 including taxes.For further particulars and conditions of sale
apply toMr. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON,
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. 748.

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figures which are simply ridiculous considering
the enormous trading community of the empire.It will be remanded by only such firms or
persons as are born on the register can be sued
for losses incurred by dealings in futures, and
that margins already paid can be recovered by
non-registered parties; it speaks well for the
honesty of the nation under the circumstances
that comparatively few repudiations of contracts
have occurred, although of course reliable figures
with regard to such cannot be obtained. The
law suit stands, however, in favour of the unprincipled
and tends to lower the standard of commercial
morality; it should therefore be repealed.The actual outbreak of hostilities in the East
is causing considerable anxiety in commercial
circles, as it is impossible to foresee what
complications may eventually ensue. Sympathies here are divided, whilst many hope
that Russian ambition may receive a whole-
some check on this occasion; the anti-
English newspapers extol the moderation and
forbearance of Russia towards those presumptuous
upstarts the Japs, who have been urged
on by treacherous Albion!One of the results of the political disturbances
has been to hasten the long-expected crisis in
the cotton markets of America and Europe.
The failure on 3rd ult. of a large firm in the
States who had operated extensively for a fall
on the strength of the growing danger of war
produced a tremendous demand to cover in Liverpool
and New York, and prices were forced up to a
point far beyond any reached within the last
thirty years. It appears, however, that one
of the bull leaders took advantage of the
excitement to unload both in the open market
and by private settlements. On this becoming
known a general liquidation began in the world's
news from Japan increasing the feeling of in-
security. Millions of bahts were thrown on the
market, and with violent fluctuations amounting
to as much as 1½ in one day prices declined
rapidly, until they stood last night about 50 below
the quotations of 1st inst. To-day a rally has
taken place, and it now remains to be seen
whether the power of the bull clique has been de-
finitely broken. They still talk loudly of a speedy
rebound, and predict higher prices than ever,
but as the banking interest seems to have turned
against them, and as the high margins now
demanded by brokers and merchants will tend
to keep out the general public, it is doubtful
whether they will succeed. At the same time,
the downward movement may very easily be
carried too far, for unless very large quantities
of cotton be brought to light, which would
appear unlikely, the supply is not equal to the
present requirements of trade and only high
prices will effectually curtail consumption.THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

CHINESE OBJECTIONS.

With regard to the first reading of the bill
entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Prepared
Opium Ordinance, 1891, the *Chung Ngu San Po*
comments as follows:—"The prevention of the
sale of opium-pills and wine imposes a great
hardship on the opium-smokers. As the price of
opium has become so dear, coolies and the people
of the lower class generally who have been long
addicted to opium, are compelled to wear themselves
of the opium-smoking habit, and they do so by means of opium-pills and wine
which are generally prepared by druggists.
The pills and wine contain but a very small
percentage of opium or opium-dross, which is
recognised as the best cure for the opium-
habit, because an opium-smoker, by taking
gradually diminishing doses of the wine or
pills, is able to effectually drop the habit
without suffering in health as he would do if
he broke off the habit abruptly. If the sale of
opium-pills and wine is prevented by legislation
the opium-smokers who out of their scanty
means cannot afford opium, the price of which is
exceedingly high, will probably become incapable
of work and fall into a weak and invalid
condition. Opium-pills and wine are not only
taken as cures for opium-smoking, but are also
sometimes used as medicine for the sick. Opium
pills are also used by travellers addicted to the
opium-smoking habit, when they have not brought
with them their opium-tins. If opium-pills
and wine cure the opium-smoking habit,
why should their sale be prevented?" If provision
is made to exempt from the operation of the
Amending Ordinance opium when prescribed or
sold in recognised medicinal forms, or in
European or American patent medicines, why
should the sale of opium-pills and wine, which are
also recognised in medicinal forms, be
stopped in the Chinese market? The opium-
farmer before he sent his tender know very
well that opium-pills have been allowed for
years to be sold in certain shops. Why should
further privilege be given to him of a nature
which gives rise to general complaints? Of
course, the farmer does not like the Chinese to
wear themselves of the opium-smoking habit.
Opium-pills and wine, it may further be mentioned,
form a large export from this colony. It
may also be remarked that patients who are
opium-smokers in the Tung Wa Hospital
are given opium-pills to facilitate their recovery
from sickness. It is to be hoped that the
Government will take these facts into
consideration."It is feared that a revision of the
"Borsanges-tz," the necessity of which is
generally recognised to be urgent, will hardly
be attempted this session. The following figures
are interesting as showing what a complete
failure the

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

15. CYANELINE, British str., 2,150. W. Smyth, Barry 27th January, Coal—ADRIATIC.
15. GIAUCA, British str., 3,500. A. D. Baker, Yokohama via Amoy 29th February, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
15. ICANG, British str., 1,228. J. Lloyd Jones, Wuhan and Chinkiang 11th March, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
16. EMPRESS OF CHINA, British str., 3,046. R. Archibald, N.H.B., Vancouver 22nd Feb., Mail and General—C. P. R. Co.
16. HOLSTEN, German str., 385. J. C. Hansen, Saigon 11th March, Rice and Flour—JENSEN & CO.
16. INDEANAMA, British str., 3,366. W. E. Craven R.N.R., Moji 11th Mar., General—A. S. S. CO.
16. KOWLOON, German str., 1,447. Stehr, Chinkiang 12th March, General—STEIMSON & CO.
16. NANSAN, U.S. collier, Prede, Cavite 13th March.
16. TALLES, British str., 890. Robson, Fowey 13th Mar., Amoy 14th and Swatow 15th, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.
16. TRIBUNA, German str., 2,751. M. Umlauf, Manila 13th March, General—CARLOWITZ & CO.
16. TRIUMPH, German str., 789. Hansen, Swatow 13th Mar., General—OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
16th March.
BERTON, British str., for Diamond Island.
RIE Diederichsen, German str., for Pakhoi.
LUDWIG, German str., for Swatow.
RODING, German str., for Singapore.
HERMANN, German str., for Swatow.
HERMANN, German str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURE.

16th March.
BRAZON CUPAR, British str., for Calcutta.
BENAN, British str., for Manila.
BINA, German str., for Saigon.
BON BEE, British str., for Amoy.
BU-NO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
BON BEE, British str., for Amoy.
C. French str., for Haiphong.
CANG, British str., for Canton.
DIXON, German str., for Europe.
EAST, British cruiser, for Mira Bay.
EASA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

16th March.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Stolberg.
KU-LOON DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moose, M.S. Glory Eileen Rickmers, Lin Tan, Selen, eastern, Hawaii, Arctic.
COPROLETIC DOCK—Salfordia.

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LONDON & ANTWERP	AJAX	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th inst	
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	TODAY, at 9 A.M.	
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	R. F. Summers	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	6th inst., at Noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	MACAHA	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th April.	
MARSEILLES &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	26th April.	
TELEGRAMS	SYDNEY	Fren. str.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	30th inst., at 1 P.M.	
TELEGRAMS	E. Prehn	Fren. str.	MELCHERS & CO.	21st inst.	
TELEGRAMS	LUNING	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd April.	
TELEGRAMS	SAMEBA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	13th April.	
TELEGRAMS	ABESSINIA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th April.	
TELEGRAMS	BRISGAVIA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	3rd May.	
TELEGRAMS	SUERIA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.	
TELEGRAMS	ARTEMISIA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	31st May.	
TELEGRAMS	MARIEGUE	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	23rd inst.	
TELEGRAMS	STRASBURG	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.	
TELEGRAMS	SILESIA	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	20th April.	
TELEGRAMS	GLAUCUS	Fren. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Early April.	
TELEGRAMS	IDOMENEUS	Fren. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 23rd inst.	
TELEGRAMS	AFRIKI	Fren. str.	STANDARD OIL CO.	30th inst.	
TELEGRAMS	E. CHINA	Fren. str.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th April.	
TELEGRAMS	ATHENIAN	Fren. str.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	25th inst.	
TELEGRAMS	TREMONT	Fren. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	23rd inst.	
TELEGRAMS	NINGCHOW	Fren. str.	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	24th inst.	
TELEGRAMS	INDRAJAHMA	Fren. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	8th April.	
TELEGRAMS	CHANGTU	Fren. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.	
TELEGRAMS	AUSTRALIAN	Fren. str.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 21st inst.	
TELEGRAMS	CHINGTU	Fren. str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	26th inst., at Noon.	
TELEGRAMS	CHIANG	Fren. str.	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 P.M.	
TELEGRAMS	CHIANG	Fren. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Fren. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 22nd inst.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	N. D. Andrews	About 27th inst.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	Watt	Quick despatch.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	J. Dissler	March 1st.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	A. Hansen	March 1st.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	To-morrow, 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	T. Brandt	20th inst., 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	T. Kraft	27th inst., 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	23rd inst., 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	To-day, at 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	19th inst., at Noon.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	To-morrow, 5 P.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	R. Rodger	26th inst., 10 A.M.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	W. M. Smith	March 30th April.	
TELEGRAMS	TAETAO	Jap. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22nd inst., 4 P.M.	

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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NOTICE.

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G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OPOACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 19th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 32nd April.
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LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1904.

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KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 23rd March.
ILOILO	* "WUCHANG"	On 22nd Mar., 4 P.M.

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For further particulars, apply to

**E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

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THE Commodious Steamer

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SIMLA,"

**FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.**

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

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From Calcutta, ex ss. Candia.

From Persian Gulf, ex ss. B. I. S. N.

and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 11th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 18th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date, they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**FROM TRIESTE, FRIULI, PORT SAID,
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SINGAPORE.**

THE Company's Steamship

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